

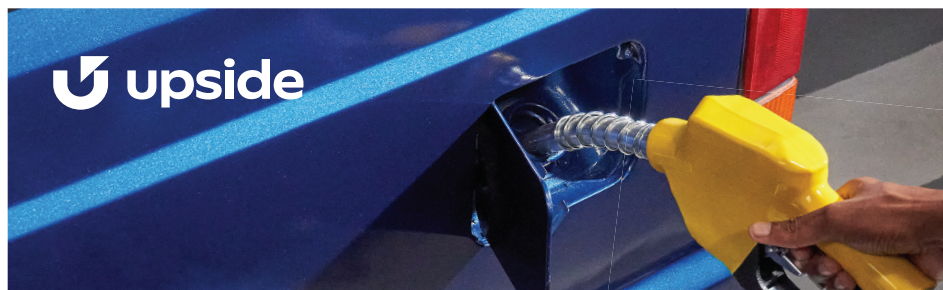
2024 Mazda 3 continues to be the anti-boring commuter car



Ever since it came out in 2003, the Mazda 3 seems to be somewhat of a cult-favorite. Sporty-looking, practical, fun-to-drive and inexpensive, the Mazda 3 hits all the high notes for what a little more out of the typical four-door small commuter car. A few years ago, we saw the fourth generation Mazda 3 make its debut, and found that it still carries the same tune. Then we saw the little Mazda receive a new engine, making the 3 even better - and bringing back memories of the much-loved hot-rod version of the 3- the MazdaSpeed3.

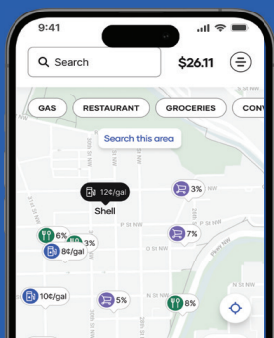
As it has always been, the Mazda 3 is available in both sedan and hatchback body styles. Personally, I have a fondness for the hatchback, but recently Mazda sent me a Mazda 3 sedan. The one advantage the hatchback holds is that it is the only body style that can still be had with a six-speed manual gearbox. With the sedan, the sole transmission offered is a six-speed automatic. To be fair, even in hatchback form, most 3s will be automatics - but I think it's great to know Mazda still offers the six-speed for those that prefer to change gears on their own.

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Closing the Libra Solar Exhibit

In the world of art, there's an etiquette for gallery shows in which an artist may ask, "How did you like the show?" and politeness ensues. It is not unless or until the artist insists on a *real* opinion that it would be appropriate to give one. Sense the unspoken rules under the harmonious trines at the end of Libra season. A lovely close to the season of aesthetics and harmony includes compassionate discretion and the dance of appropriateness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). This week has you deciding on some new guidelines for being you. You'll be sure to prioritize close relationships, which will mean ignoring certain distractions, including seemingly important global problems that lead the news, so as not to miss the precious moments of individual joy and fulfillment that are right in front of you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Loved ones depend on you for quite a lot these days. Their expectations are spoken and unspoken, reasonable and unreasonable, reciprocated and unreciprocated. This week shows you in brilliant form with your ability to set and maintain boundaries that keep relationships strong and healthy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Social life is like a ride. You'll meet different characters with distinct personalities and repeat the same question to each. What you get back is a variety of vibes, philosophies, insights and invitations to worlds that are only open to the brightly curious, kindly intended and open-minded like you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're a whiz at mental time travel, which you use for multiple purposes this week. Sometimes you'll imagine a preferred future that motivates you to go forward. In pressured moments, you'll fall back to a time of comfort and ease. The way you send your mind through time will be a tool for managing your mood and experience.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Give yourself the gift of large margins. Whether for error, excess or simply for the sake of spaciousness, margins lend freedom to your experience. With room to move, you will be emboldened to take risks, try new things or do the same things with much less pressure.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A special project will demand a swath of time. There are multiple benefits to approaching the endeavor as a marathon instead of a sprint. With the long view, you'll learn the work intimately, rectify errors, improve things as you go and build a relationship to the work that has integrity and stability you can trust.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). This week is a study in joy. You aspire to follow joy, but you can't until joy shows up and does something you can copy. Following is easier than creating joy, but also less reliable. This week affords you opportunities for both. And when joy is not present, it's really fine -- a contrast that makes the fun even better.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Time, energy and willpower are entities that come in limited supply. The right environment makes things progress with quick efficiency and ease. When the environment is habit-forming, the person doesn't have to be. A location that is structured and organized around a particular task will do the heavy lifting for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The

others count on you not to let things get too serious. Even when you're in the middle of some heavy responsibilities and the deliverables are more complex than you expected, you'll still figure out a way of working that keeps your energy buoyant. You'll laugh at yourself, at life, at the ridiculous things we all stress over.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have been accused of ambitious and overachieving tendencies, which is confusing to you. Achieving is good. How can one possibly be "overly" good? This week, you'll apply your famous discipline, structure and your steadfast dedication to showing up strong for the people and goals that matter to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It will be fortifying to join with people who are on a similar quest to your own. The week shows you sharing information and resources, but more importantly, sharing the journey itself. As the group grows in numbers, it will also grow in power, and people will start respecting it as an entity of influence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Events call you to compartmentalize. You'll put emotions in a box you can open later when you have time. It's a good feeling when you find out that you don't have to think everything over, solve it all or make big plans and contributions. Sometimes it's just about showing up and letting the people around you keep you in the flow of life.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: It may seem counterintuitive, but commitments free you this year. Love enhances your leisure and inspires your work. Your birthday gift is a cosmic key to open the doors of your comfort zone and experience the wide, vivid and varied world. More highlights: Your capacity for creative problem-solving grows as you compete for a worthy prize. New and improved financial strategies help you get more at ease. You become stronger physically, too, which allows for new kinds of adventure.

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